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19th Annual Statewide Volunteer Conference

Lessons from Geese

If a weekend of networking, building friendships, and learning about teamwork sounds appealing to you, then do we have a weekend planned for you! It is with excitement and goodwill that we invite you to attend the 2003 Statewide Volunteer Conference to be held May 30-June 1, 2003 in the cosmic city of Houston, Texas. Our conference theme this year, "TYC Volunteers - Together we can fly.." promotes the spirit of teamwork!

In that spirit, countless people have been ambitiously working, planning and volunteering their time, to layout an inspiring conference. We encourage each of you to take advantage of the opportunities afforded us through their concerted effort. Workshop topics range from "Working with Special Needs Youth" to "Building Better Boards."

The numerous workshops, tours, and teamwork activities have been developed with you, your council/chapter and our TYC youth in mind. We assure you that what we'll learn throughout the weekend will be pertinent at the institutions and facilities where we carry out our valuable work.

As we speak of teamwork, we are sad to inform you that after much consideration and due to his personal circumstances, Don Scott, Chairperson of the SVRC, submitted a letter of resignation effective January 2003.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the SVRC, as Vice-Chairperson I have assumed responsibility for filling the Chairperson's vacancy. However, this created yet another vacancy. Article VI, Section 8 states that any vacancy in any elected position before the expiration of the term shall be filled immediately by the Executive Committee.

Hence, the Executive Committee has made the following changes: John Shero (San Saba) is now Vice-Chairperson and we welcome Johnny Rodriguez (Edinburg) as the new Member-at-Large. We wish Don and his family the best and will forever be grateful for the teamwork he inspired in the SVRC.

Keeping in mind that there is no "I" in TEAMWORK, Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is a progress. Working together is success." On behalf of the Executive Committee of the SVRC and the local Conference Planning Committee, we look forward to seeing you and your team in attendance at the conference. Together we can succeed!

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Council Reports

The following reports, arranged by the location of the council, were submitted prior to the semi-annual Spring meeting of the SVRC. Other reports may have been disseminated at the meeting.

AUSTIN

From October 2003 through March 2003, the Austin Council has recruited two new council members.

In October and November 2003, the council began preparing for the Christmas Project '02. Each year the council orders food from the Food Bank for Christmas Food Baskets to be distributed to the needy families in the neighborhood where Turman House is located in Austin. Christmas Food Baskets are also given to Austin Parole Families with the cooperation with the Austin District Parole Staff. In addition to the council's coordination, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Capital City Post No. 8787 donates over seventy-five large hams to be included in all Christmas Food Baskets.

During this period, the council voted to make the AACAC an affiliated council of the SVRC and with Tammy Vega's assistance this was made possible.

The AACAC meets the second Thursday of the month at noon at Turman House.

Officers:

Nick Medina, President 512-974-5169
Dwayne Jones, VP 512.990.5533
Joan Gibbs, Secretary 512-467-1448
Joe G. Moore, Jr., Treasurer 512.467.1448

BEAUMONT

The Council sent out their annual Thanksgiving-Christmas appeal letter in November. Donations of \$600.00 were received from this fund-raiser. The council also held another fund-raiser in the selling of cookie dough. This activity netted a profit of \$578.00. The council paid for the entrance fee for the facility students' basketball team. A car wash and link sale is scheduled for May 17, 2003 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the facility's parking lot. The CAC meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM in the administration conference room.

Officers:

Dr. Robert Frazier, President 409-880-8548
Lou Cappi, VP
Roxanne Smith Parks, Sec 409-727-2384

BROWNWOOD

The Brownwood State School Community Advisory Council meets on the last Friday of each month at noon in the conference room at Unit II. This year's officers are Athena Bean, president; Jack Smith, vice-president; and Dann Barger, treasurer.

During the past six months, the council members have been involved in numerous activities at Brownwood State School. Fundraisers conducted throughout the year fund their involvement. The Community Advisory Council continues to conduct the family photos fundraiser, which was expanded to Unit II last year. This activity is a popular and thriving fundraiser, and it means a lot to the youth and their families. In November, the annual Christmas appeal letter was sent out, raising funds in excess of \$1200. The Community Advisory Council has furnished transportation and lodging for family members of three youth to travel to Brownwood to visit their children during the last six months using funds raised from these activities. In addition, the Community Advisory Council uses these funds to sponsor numerous activities benefiting the youth at Brownwood State School throughout the year.

In November, the Community Advisory Council purchased refreshments, serving them to youth and their families at a reception held after graduation services. They also purchased decorations to honor graduates at this reception. This event is anticipated twice a year. In December, the annual stocking stuffing kicks off the holiday season and Christmas parties at Brownwood State School. This year, the Community Advisory Council procured stationery sets, notepads, and Snickers bars to put in stockings for the youth. It only took an hour and ten minutes to stuff and sort 500 stockings! Members of the Community Advisory Council also helped judge dorm decorations at Halloween and Christmas, which was meaningful to our youth. Their participation in these events was publicized in the local volunteer newsletter and in the TYC Journal.

Other events that Community Advisory Council members have been active in include birthday celebrations, National Teen

Reading Week activities and summer cookouts. This year, the summer cookouts have been postponed due to weather, and are now planned to begin at Unit I on April 29 and will conclude on July 8. They are held at a different dorm each Tuesday night beginning at 5:00 pm and are completely funded by the CAC. Members work in conjunction with other volunteers to grill hamburgers and serve them with all the trimmings. The CAC also provides chips and cookies. These cookouts are the highlight of the summer, and the youth anticipate them every year.

Members of the Community Advisory Council recently assisted with the annual volunteer appreciation banquet, which was held April 22. Several members greeted volunteers and staff, handing out volunteer appreciation certificates and gifts to each volunteer. A CAC member led the invocation, and the chairperson of the CAC presented the local Volunteer Achievement Award to long-standing council member Dr. Edward Garrett. Another member of the CAC participated in the banquet by presenting the Individual Volunteer Award.

Upcoming council activities include the continuation of summer cookouts, National Volunteer Week, and graduation in May. Council members will be participating in the State Bluegrass Festival by hosting a food booth during that event. In September, council members hope to host a food booth during the annual Brownwood Reunion event as well.

Officers:

Athena Bean, President
Jack Smith, V.P.
Dann Barger, Treasurer

CORPUS CHRISTI

From September 2002 through April 2003 the CCYR council generously donated \$1250.00 for weekend outings, recreational activities and college preparatory opportunities, such as college entrance exams, tuition, books and supplies for York House residents and Corpus Christi Parole youth to attend Del Mar College.

This year, however, they also donated an added \$800.00 to York House for the Open House of the new facility in January of this year. The funds were used for food, decorations, motivational posters purchased for the day room and outfits for the youth to wear the day of the open house. The outfits are kept in a community closet at York House for the youth to wear to job

interviews, church and/or other special occasions.

Some of the activities & outings that the York House residents have enjoyed have been going to the movie theater, movie rentals, bowling, weekend snacks, film processing, dining out at the Golden Corral Restaurant and holiday celebrations, such as an Easter BBQ.

During this period the youth participated in various projects throughout the community: The Adopt-A-Highway, and the Adopt-A-Texas Beach Clean Up Projects, The Weed and Seed Program, The City of Corpus Christi - Central Kitchen and the Bowl-A-Thon, raising funds for college scholarships.

York House and Corpus Christi Parole youth and Staff continue to conduct presentations, in the community, to programs such as the Juvenile Detention Center, Corpus Christi Police Academy, Texas A & M University at Corpus Christi and at Kingsville, Del Mar College and various community schools.

The CCYRC meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the training room at York House.

Officers:

Ed Sample, Chairman 361/985-2021
Lorenzo Knowles, Vice-Chair 361-855-1714
Josie Roff, Treasurer 361/888-4451
Glenn Ann Bickham, Sec. 361/985-6810

CORSICANA

The Community Resource Council (CRC) has been very busy with activities that benefit the youth of CRTC. The annual direct appeal letter went out at Christmas time. An incredible \$10,075.00 was raised! This money is used to purchase Christmas gifts and treats for all the students of CRTC. The remainder of the money is used to finance Resource Council projects that benefit the students of CRTC for the remainder of the year. The CRC also hosted Christmas Parties in the three Stabilization Units.

The Council treated students to an Incentive Dinner in March 2003. Incentive Dinners are used to reward students who have shown improvement in the Resocialization Program. Freshly smoked, barbecued ribs were served with homemade potato salad, baked beans, bread, and relishes. An array of homemade cakes and cobblers finished out the feast. The Council continues to provide incentive radios for higher phase

students and now are providing incentive watches as well.

The Council also held their annual "Celebrity Wait" fundraising event in March. The community is invited to come purchase dinner at a local restaurant with all tips being donated to the Resource Council. Fifteen ministers from the local churches acted as waiters. Over \$1,100.00 was raised! The event was held on St. Patrick's Day complete with Irish music, decorations, and green hats and armbands for the waiters.

In April 2003, the Council adopted revised bylaws and changed their name from the Corsicana Community Advisory Council to the Corsicana Community Resource Council. In April the Council also sponsored a community service project, Highway Clean-up, with Jim Jones, coordinating. Four of the students participated along with six adult volunteers.

The Volunteer Recognition Banquet was held at the end of April. The theme was "Hats Off to Volunteers." The CRC and friends participated in their own musical rendition wearing many hats. Attendance was excellent, the food was delicious, and spirits were high.

The Council began another project this year. Students who are released from TYC are presented with a "New Start" bag. This is a backpack filled with a phone card, snacks, a change of clothing, toiletries, a brush/comb, stamps, stationery, etc. When the student departs, a CRC member is on hand to wish them well and present them with the bag.

The CRC continues to assist family members in visiting students, continues to purchase a birthday cake and small gift for each student, and continues to purchase items needed by the youth for special events. The Chair of the Corsicana CRC is Dyetra Limbrick; Chair Elect is Neil Crosswhite; Secretary - Robin Adams; and Treasurer - Mary Rozelle. The CRC meets the second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. Several of the council members arrive early and enjoy lunch with the students.

Officers:

CROCKETT

No report submitted.

Officers:

Viva Marie Miller, President 936-544-2229
Louis Medina, Vice President 936-636-2115
Elouise Wooten, Sec/Treas. 936-544-2385

DALLAS

The following are summaries of activities entered by The Dallas Community Advisory Council (DCAC) over the past six months.

Outgoing officers were recognized and presented with awards for their hard work and dedication to serving local TYC agencies, youth, and programs. DCAC also sent 2 delegates to the SVRC mid-year conference and participated in the local Volunteer Power Crew Youth Summit and the annual Harambee Festival to market and recruit potential volunteers and council members.

DCAC approved changes to the bylaws and is in the process of filing and updating the Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of Texas and the Internal Revenue Services noting the name change to the Dallas Youth Resource and Advisory Council (DYRAC).

Within the last six months DCAC had council members to resign due to unforeseeable misfortunes beyond their control. Our current council membership reduced to 9 dedicated and active members. Membership growth is vital to DCAC; therefore, the executive committee established an on-going membership recruitment campaign. All council members are asked to invite potential members to Council meetings to help strengthen the Council and meet goals and objectives that will continue supporting our area youth, agencies, programs, and events.

During this same period, the Council created and appointed chairperson for the following committees: Executive Committee, Awards and Recognition Committee, Audit Committee, Marketing and Media Productions Committee, Strategic and Budgeting Committee, Fundraising Committee, which includes a Grant Committee. The committee chairpersons submitted to the executive committee, their committee goals and objectives with their proposed budgets, which was approved. The Council completed and approved its Mission and Vision Statement as well as created an official logo identity for organizational integrity.

The Council completed its annual council training and survey. The survey resulted in changing council meeting times to accommodate all council members ability to meet. The Council also approved its fiscal budget of \$13,190, which will support all committees, the Dallas and Tyler District Offices, Cottrell House, and the Parents as

Teachers Program. The Council also supports the newly developed "females caseload" by providing lunch for youth during their after school bi-monthly meetings and quarterly baby showers.

The Council completed two major fundraisers, Texas Stadium Concessions and the Cottrell House Annual Basketball Tournament where both resulted in raising \$5997.40. The Fundraising Committee continues to address new fundraising opportunities, including grant proposals, celebrity bowling and golf tournaments, and Taste of Cottrell Community Festival, Texas Stadium and American Airlines Center Concessions. The Awards and Recognition Committee kicked off its monthly youth recognition program for youth who have shown positive leadership skills while in the program or on parole. Youth are nominated by their parole officer of the Dallas District Office and by the Cottrell House senior staff and are presented with an "Outstanding Youth of the Month" certificate.

During the Holiday season the Council provided turkeys for needy families as well as \$625.00 for the youth of the Cottrell House so that they could Christmas shop for their families. DCAC also funded the annual Parents as Teachers Christmas party. The Council received over \$5576.00 in donations of clothing, shoes, monies, food, and movie tickets to help assist youth of Cottrell House and the Dallas District Office during the holidays. The Council has also participated in the SMU Non-profit volunteer fair.

Other accomplishments included funding for tropical fishes and supplies, entertainment passbook, renewed membership with Sam's Wholesale, hosting Victim's Rights Week, youth identification card for employment opportunities, and supporting the Taste of Cottrell Community Festival through funding and accepting in-kind donations to help offset expenses

Officers:

Patrick Collier, President 972-243-3671
Teresa Barnett, VP 972-225-9750
Rose Jones-Williams, Treas 214-565-9026
Irene Janes, Secretary 972-270-6135

EL PASO

Since October 2002, the EPCRC has grown to 14 members...including officers. In November 2002, the council sponsored a fundraiser that yielded close to \$400.00 in profit. On the same month, the EPCRC sponsored a Thanksgiving meal for the Schaeffer House youth. In December 2002,

the EPCRC sponsored a Christmas dinner and donated gifts for all the Schaeffer youth. In March 2003, the EPCRC held another fundraiser (garage sale) that yielded \$140.00. In April 2003, the EPCRC provided a presentation from Dismas Charities. The presenter was an adult offender (in a halfway house setting) who spoke on the topic, "Becoming a Better Person". At present, the EPCRC is currently working on increasing membership by developing a brochure that will help in advertising the council to the community.

In summary, the EPCRC has enhanced the lives of the Schaeffer House youth by providing them pro-social activities and services that will enable them to be responsible and productive citizens.

Officers:

EVINS

Since October of last year the Evins Volunteer Council has sponsored various events for Evins youth. In October, graduates of the Independent Living class were recognized with a special Bar-B-Que. The Council also bought art supplies for the youth art class, which is taught by volunteers. In November, a pizza party was awarded to a dorm that had exhibited exemplary behavior above and beyond the required norms. December activities are highlighted by the Christmas season and again the 8th annual Parent-Son Tamale Day was a big success. Parents from all over Texas joined their sons to make 368 dozen tamales for the holidays. These tamales are shared by all youth at the Center. The Council and several area churches also hosted the youth Christmas parties. A wide array of foods and activities were provided to the youth. The Council also bought each youth a Christmas present, which was passed out by Santa Claus on Christmas morning.

All youth participated in a special dinner to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday during January. In February, a parent was assisted with transportation and lodging to Evins. March was highlighted with a GED graduation ceremony in which a record number of 31 youth earned their diploma. Afterwards, a reception was hosted for youth and families. Also for their accomplishment, each graduate is given a \$50 stipend, which is placed in their respective student accounts. The highest and second highest graduates are awarded \$75 and \$60 respectively.

On going support has also been given to the youth baseball team, the "Diamondbacks". The Council pays their umpire and tournament fees. The Council has also bought team T-shirts for use during practice. When the team plays off-campus, Youth are also treated to a meal after the game.

Evins Volunteer Council officers this year are Leo Rodriguez, Chairperson, Oscar Mata, Vice Chair, Mercy Lackey, Secretary and Ken Espensen, Treasurer. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the Month.

Officers:

FORT WORTH

During this year's Strategic Planning Meeting the council developed a new mission and vision statement that compliments the State Resource Council, developed new Council Officer and member job descriptions, and developed 5 committees that they have divided up to work in; Funding, Recruitment of Volunteers, Development of Worksites/Community Service Sites, Family Involvement, and making a TYC connection. The Council lost many of their members, but recruited 4 new members who are energized and have the desire to make a difference.

The Fort Worth Council has found two easy fundraisers that do not require extra efforts or time. Since October, the members raised \$281.00 from the vending machines at the Fort Worth District Office and \$210.00 selling the Entertainment Passbooks.

The FWRCY has joined with McFadden Community Advisory Council in planning the annual fundraiser, we are hoping to get started in June promoting our council's needs through the Web while raising funds by adopting ducks to race in October. You will hear about this in the Fall State Council meeting newsletter.

The Council members are working hard developing a family program for the Fort Worth Parole youth and strengthening the Family Day program at Willoughby House. This committee develops the resources that we can use to have educational sessions about how to raise kids, educating the parents about gangs, and how to be a supportive parent while their youth is in TYC.

The worksite/community service site committee members are out in the community looking for new areas for our youth to work and to complete their

community service. Broadening these areas will enhance the opportunities for our youth and help with the community awareness about the Council and TYC.

The recruitment committee members have begun calling and looking for areas to go out into the community to speak about the needs of our youth and to help recruit volunteers to work with our youth.

The fundraising committee is working on the duck adoption fundraiser, but realized that October 2003 was too far away to wait for the financial benefits of this race. Therefore they found other immediate ways to raise funds by selling Avon. The council receives 40% of the profits.

The Chair position keeps up with the TYC connection. He meets with the community relation's coordinator and employees from FW Parole, Willoughby House, and Quality Assurance departments developing a relation between the council and staff. The purpose is to get all involved with our youth working together and develop support from everyone.

The council funded many activities since October; \$200.00 planned a bowling event for the youth at Willoughby House during the holiday's, Fort Worth Parole received \$400 to help make 30 food baskets for the needy Parole families during Thanksgiving, and Fort Worth Parole received \$300 for a community service project that involves the youth making and passing out hygiene Santa bags to 100 homeless people during Christmas. The council funded \$26.00 for a youth to purchase his drivers license and birth certificate at one of the contract care facilities and funded \$180 to purchase clothes for a youth on Parole.

Officers:

GAINESVILLE

The Student Support Council for the Gainesville State School, Gainesville, Texas, is hereby submitting the semi-annual report for the year 2002-2003. During a regular scheduled meeting the Council voted to change the name to Student Support Council, which the Bylaws were changed to reflect the name change from Community Advisory Council to Student Support Council.

In September 2002, Student Support Council (formerly the Community Advisory Council) honored the Volunteers with an

The Council sponsored a luncheon for the staff and employees for exceeding their goal

in the Cooke County United Way Campaign, featuring Dwight Harris of the Central Office as guest speaker.

The Council provided wristwatches for the students at Christmas for a total cost of \$500. Funds continue to be disbursed to the academic school with Pizza to award the students who pass the GED or TAKKS examinations.

The Council continues to fund the athletic program on campus for out-of-town trips with a meal. Funds were provided for a parent from Corpus Christi to Gainesville to visit her son (on his birthday).

Purchased T-Shirts for the Faith Base Dorm. Provided cookies for the graduation ceremonies.

Sponsored a fundraiser in June and awarded gifts for Father's Day. Some of the Council members surprised Mr. Fidel Garcia, with several items for his office, (i.e., small refrigerator, coffee maker, etc.) Since he was relocated in a larger room, we saw a need for him since he could then have visitors in his office.) Plans are being worked on for fundraisers in order to support the students at the State School.

Officers:

Kanita Maxwell, chairperson
Ron Linam, vice-chair
Pat Payne, treasurer

GIDDINGS

The Giddings Community Advisory Council has for the most part, adhered to the September 2002 Budget and Fundraising plan. The supplemental income from participation in the Live Stock Show, fell well short of the estimate but the Christmas Letter generated \$700 to help make up the difference. We have been able to keep up with the request for Parent Lodging and Transportation and are in budget thus far this year. The Council set aside \$4000 for this need this year.

The Council continues to meet the need of the Academic School by providing hundreds of dollars in Student Incentives (Accelerated Reader Program, GED and Vocational Students of the Month) and participation in Advanced Religious Studies, (Master Life Bible Studies). A High School graduation Reception was sponsored by the Council with a \$200 cake serving as the refreshment center piece and each graduate was given 35 mm photographs of both individual and family.

In December, the Council provided special funding at a cost of \$895 to allow our students to experience the Rock Solid Character program. Universal principles of respect, responsibility, perseverance, honesty, caring, trustworthiness, and courage are taught and reinforced through an experiential model-real rock climb on the first and only portable, freestanding 24-foot Texas spire. The Council also set aside \$1200 for Christmas gifts and candy.

On April 29, 2003, Hamilton State School Community Advisory Council generously donated \$4,272.93 to be used for the tattoo removal program at Giddings and \$1406.93 designated to Giddings State School Ministry Funds. These gifts are further examples of the many good and decent things the Hamilton Council has been doing for TYC kids over the few short years of their existence. They will be sorely missed.

The Giddings Council meets each second Tuesday of the month at 12 Noon, in the Administration Conference Room at Giddings State School.

Officers:

Janis Jackson, President 979-836-0975
Nell Crayton, Vice-President 979-542-3913
Mary Gutierrez, Treasurer 979-542-3671

HAMILTON

The Hamilton State School Community Advisory Council was organized in November of 1999. It was composed of 15 dedicated community members. The Hamilton council members worked very diligently throughout their tenure for the benefit of the Hamilton students. They committed countless hours to numerous fund raising projects as well as community service projects. They also assisted in Christmas parties and other holiday events. On March 27, 2003 this magnificent group of people had to make a difficult decision and that was to dissolve their organization due to the closure of the J. W. Hamilton State School. This is a decision that was decided by the majority of the members of the council.

On behalf of Hamilton State School I would like to thank the Hamilton State School Community Advisory Council for all the care, concern, and commitment they have given to the youth at Hamilton State School. ~Demetris McDaniel, Community Relations Coordinator

HARLINGEN

No Report Submitted.

HOUSTON

The Community Volunteer Youth Council is a chartered non-profit advisory council for the local Texas Youth Commission (TYC) program. The Council is dedicated to providing positive role models, education, recreational, employment and financial resources to Houston Area youth under the jurisdiction of TYC

This year saw the passing of two Houston Council members, former president of the Statewide Resource Council and the Houston Council Eva Burford in September 2002 and former Council member Diana Harris April 2003. Council plans to develop a scholarship in Eva's memory for an Eastern Service Area TYC Youth.

Thanksgiving 2002 the council helped secure turkeys to go into the holiday food boxes that were distributed to 10 TYC needy families.

December the Council sponsored a baby shower for a student with limited resources who is participating in the Parents As Teachers Program and doing well.

Houston Volunteer, Steven Holloway was nominated and chosen to receive the 2003 Governor's Adult Volunteer Award. Steve received the award at a reception hosted by the Texas Commission on Volunteerism on May 1st 2003.

The Annual Educational Banquet hosted by the Council and HE Butts Inc. to recognize TYC Parole and Contract youth who have exhibited academic success in a school, vocational or trade school program. The event will be held on May 8, 2003. This year more than 35 students will be recognized.

The year was spent planning and assisting the State Resource Council with hosting the 2003 statewide volunteer conference in Houston May 30th to June 1 2003. We are very excited and hope all the conference attendees have a great time.

The Houston Community Volunteer Youth Council meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3930 Kirby Dr. Suite 207, Houston from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Officers:

Gabrielle Hadnot, Chair	713-697-6732
Troy Finner, Treasurer	713-773-7900
Jane Mitchell, Secretary	713-567-3974

MARLIN

The Falls County Community Council for Youth at Risk has been very busy during the past six months. Fund-raising projects included retractable badge holders, Krispy Kreme donut sale that netted \$750.00, Direct Appeal letters at Christmas, donations from staff as Memorials, and a \$500.00 donation from Sam's Club. All of the fund-raisers have proven to be very successful.

The Council has been involved in other projects such as providing 450 goodie filled stockings for the kids at Christmas and delivering them to the youth; greeting cards for Mothers Day and Fathers Day were purchased from the Prison Card Ministry. Our youth use these cards during their letter writing time and are able to send them to their families. They collected books for our facility library and have provided funds several times to purchase food for reward and holiday parties. They sponsored the Bill Glass Day of Champions and provided refreshments for over 50 volunteers. The council participates in Teen Read Week and recently made a donation to a fellow council to assist with the purchase of a tattoo removal machine. The council has assisted a couple of families to visit youth here in Marlin.

The Council has been involved in special events for staff, youth, and visitors at MOAU. Staff and youth appreciation are very important to the Council. The Council underwrote the local 2002 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet and will be doing the same this year.

The council always attends the SVRC meetings in Austin and two members will attend the State Conference and will be supporting the Silent auction that Community Relations Coordinator Tanya Rosas of MOAU will be in charge of. The biggest accomplishment has been to become Incorporated Council, which included rewriting their by-laws, and they voted to change the council name. The council now is a 501(c) (3) organization. The Council continues to recruit new members. We have 3 new members that replaced previous members that left the council due to illness or relocation for a total of 20 members. They are striving to get a better mix of the community in our Council. Our Council currently has a balance of \$2,163.00 in the bank.

The Council meets the second Thursday of every month, except for July and December

from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the MOAU conference room.

Officers:

Mary Osborne, President	254-546-5206
Gladys Mitchell, VP	254-803-3746
Edgar Moody, Treasurer	254-803-6500
LaTonja Taplin, Secretary	254-883-2633

MART

McLennan County Community Resource Council for Troubled Texas Youth is three-and-half-years old with meetings every 1st Monday of the month at noon in the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility's (MCSJCF) visitation room. This year, we have grown closer and become more effective in our actions. We have not added in number, but we receive and send out more information because of our intellectual and emotional growth as a group.

Accomplishments obtained because of this growth are but not limited to: reaching the final step in the 501 (c)(3) process, choosing a council liaison that attends the management meetings, choosing a fundraising chair, purchasing basketball uniforms for the MCSJCF basketball team, purchasing material for the Life Change mentoring program for volunteers to use in their mentoring relationships.

The Council has added to the commissary hair care and hygiene items. A new rule, sent from Central Office allows high phase students to grow their hair longer and use quality (name brand) hygiene items. The council is now working on two grants, which will enable them to place a new library in Phase II, assist more families in travel and lodging for visitation and start construction for a Chapel.

Officers:

Steven Heyduck, President	254-876-2751
Karen Moore, Vice-Pres.	254- 876-9089
Willie Leos, Treasurer	254-662-5545
Tammy Polk, Secretary	254-753-8036

McALLEN

Temporarily Inactive.

McFADDEN

The McFadden Community Advisory Council developed a new vision and mission statement since October 2002. They developed an outlined for their 2003 budget that makes it easier when applying for grants. They mailed out 75 recruitment

Elizabeth Gonzalez, Sec 210.632.5100
 Mary Ann Rodriguez, Treas 210-522-1539

SAN SABA

The San Saba State School Volunteer Council has been busy in its endeavors these past months.

October was a time of fun and festivities as the Fall Festival was held. The Council provided the funds to purchase the candy given as prizes for all the youth. After the 31st of October all events turned to Christmas. The Council purchased a Christmas gift for each of the youth and helped in hosting the holiday parties. This year, the Council hosted a Holiday Mixer between the Council members and the Administrative Staff at San Saba State School. Refreshments were enjoyed and an introduction game was played so everyone could get to know each other.

After the New Year, the Council got busy and began finishing up their Strategic Plan. With the help of the Strategic Planning Office and the School Liaison Office at Fort Hood, the Council was able to put together a plan that will help them become very efficient in their efforts.

After the meeting in October, the Council decided to purchase bags for the youth to use and have when they leave the facility. They provided the funds for an initial purchase of 50 bags.

After much deliberation, the Council decided on hosting a Bow Hunt as a fund raising event. The targets have been ordered and plans are underway. Watch the next update for details!

The Council continues to provide funds for family visits by purchasing bus tickets and providing funds for lodging, they have provided funds for youth to receive ID cards, and provide funds each month for a youth who has been chosen as the Youth of the Month. The Council continues to provide funds for special events with Fort Hood, items for the canteen and purchase film for the weekend picture project, and canteen items for those who pass the TABE test. San Saba T.Y.C. Volunteer Council, Inc. meets the last Wednesday of the Month at 12:00 Noon at San Saba State School

Officers:

John Shero, President 325-372-5584
 Doug Suggs, Vice President 325-622-4402
 Mike McDowell, Secretary 325-628-3256
 Paddock Smith, Treasurer 325-623-5519

invitations throughout the community inviting potential council members to an orientation about the Council and TYC. This recruiting effort produced two very skillful council members; one newspaper reporter and one expert in grant writing.

The council members have written two grants, Dallas Stars Foundation and Texas Motor Speedway Children Charities. The council has already received \$5000 from the Dallas Stars Foundation. This money will help the youth who already have their GED further their education while still at McFadden. The youth will now be able to begin taking College Courses online before they are released.

The council members had several small fundraisers selling birdhouses, Christmas Wreaths, Christmas lawn ornaments, cookies, and suckers at the local craft fairs, two craft fairs made over \$300.00. The crafts were made by the youth for a community service project.

Volunteers from McFadden helped the council raise \$2000 for removing tattoos from Denton Bible Church.

The Employees of Boeing in Corinth donated a portion of their paycheck to the MCAC, a cumulative total of \$1200 since last October.

The council members take care of the youth around the Holidays. During Thanksgiving and Christmas the members donated pies for dessert and provided a total of \$560 to purchase the meals. The youth enjoyed tamales during Christmas, pizza for New Years, and extra turkeys for Thanksgiving with lots of pies for dessert.

The Council received 10 season passes to be used as incentives from North Texas State Basketball games a total value of \$1200. Texas Motor Speedway allowed youth to come and watch the car races.

McFadden had one Family Day event during this time and the Council provided \$3,072.85 to purchase, food, bus tickets, and lodging expenses for the family members to come and participate. Several council members attend this Family Day making sure to cover for the missing family members so that every youth will have someone with him at all times. The members help serve and clean up the food so that the caseworkers can have the time to spend with the youth and family members in therapeutic groups.

Projects that the council have begun but not yet achieve are writing a program proposal

for 8 youth to attend a horseback riding therapeutic program. The council will be looking at the outcome of these 8 youth to find out if it is something they feel will benefit all youth and if it does they will look for grants that will fund the youth to participate. The average cost is \$400.00 per youth to attend an eight-week session.

The MCAC has joined with the Fort Worth Resource Council in planning the annual fundraiser, we are hoping to get started in June promoting our council's needs through the Web while raising funds by adopting ducks to race in October. You will hear about this in the Fall State Council meeting newsletter.

Officers:

SAN ANTONIO

From October 2002 through March 2003, the San Antonio council has recruited four new council members.

In October 2002, the council made plans for the 24th Annual San Antonio Walter Gaskin Picnic for TYC Youth. The event was held at Ayres House giving TYC youth a chance to attend an old fashion picnic with food, fun and games. The Northwest Civic & Social Club of San Antonio underwrites this event each year. In November and December 2002, the council was busy preparing for Christmas '02. The Christmas project includes Christmas Stockings for the Mother-Baby Contract Program called the WINGS Program; Christmas Baskets for the TYC young ladies at the Victoria Contract Facility; Food Baskets for San Antonio Parole Families; and a Christmas Party with gifts for Ayres House youth.

In February 2003, the council elected a new slate of officers. In March 2003, the council made ready for the Annual Spring Raffle in partnership with the UTSA American Humanities Non-Profit Student Association. In April 2003 final preparations are being made San Antonio Area Local Volunteer Recognition Event scheduled for May 22, 2003. This year, nine volunteers and four San Antonio TYC staff are attending the TYC/SVRC 19th Annual Statewide Volunteer Conference in Houston. We are also excited that Sandy Bergman of San Antonio is the 2003 SVRC Secretary.

The VCTYSA meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Ayres House.

Officers:

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SHEFFIELD

No report submitted

VERNON

The past six months has been exciting as well as productive for Vernon Victory Field Community Advisory Council, Inc. The tattoo removal program is running smoothly, our fund-raisers were successful and our council continues to focus on parent involvement. Following is a brief overview of the past six months:

Fund-raisers: Vernon Victory Field Community Advisory Council, Inc is listed as an approved charity in the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The council received over \$1,400.00 in donations from the 2002 SECC campaign. VVFCAC is the first council in TYC to be listed as an approved SECC charity.

The 2002 Christmas Appeal Letter raised over \$3,800.00. The letter was sent to 350 local citizens.

Projects: The visitation and graduation picture projects averages \$200.00 monthly.

We continue to focus on family involvement in the rehabilitation of the cadets at VFCA. Our partnership with local churches to provide assistance to parents for transportation, food and lodging continues to be strong and successful. The Adopt-A-Group churches also provide transportation back and forth to the campus during the weekend visits and volunteers spend many hours taking parents out to eat and to church services. Many families have been able to visit their sons with the help of this program.

An on-campus Tattoo Removal Program is a reality. Our council received a grant from a local foundation to purchase an infrared coagulator (tattoo removal machine). Dr. Ouzts, a local doctor and member of our council is the Team Leader for this program. As with any new program there have been some minor problems to work out but overall the program is running smoothly. This has been an exciting step forward for the council.

Activities: Christmas is a busy and fun time for our council. The council provides gifts for the Christmas parties, while the Adopt-A-Group churches provide gifts Christmas morning. There were seven Christmas parties with thirteen churches participating.

We host a breakfast for the Victim Impact Panel presenters and give them gifts of

appreciation for the work they do with VFCA youth. This is ongoing and council members rotate the hosting responsibilities.

We support the local Ministerial Alliance and help them as needed to provide special worship services at Christmas and Easter.

Officers:

Dr. Len Ouzts, President
Glynda Smith, Vice-President
Lanell Barnett, Secretary
Heber Brantley, Treasurer

WEST TEXAS

The West Texas Community Resource Council is celebrating 20 years of incorporation in 2003! The Community Advisory Council for West Texas Children's Home submitted its Articles of Incorporation to the Secretary of State on December 13, 1983 and has been working hard serving the youth of TYC ever since!

The council continues to work on recruitment, fund-raising and looking for new ways to serve the youth of WTSS. Some of our on-going projects include the Family Assistance Program and support of WTSS student intramurals, such as the WTSS Coyotes basketball and track teams. The council sponsored the basketball team's entry in the recent Brownwood State School tournament.

In December, the council assisted with holiday parties on several dorms. The holiday fund-raising letter netted \$275 in donations from the community. WTCRC also purchased more trees to aid with landscaping on campus.

Our t-shirt/denim shirt fund-raiser that began in FY'01 is continuing and has raised over \$700. The council has also begun providing family photos at GED ceremonies and once a month during visitation. This has proven to be an extremely successful fund-raiser thus far. WTSS had one delegate attend the SVRC meeting in October 2002.

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Council Operations Manual is complete

The State Volunteer Resource Council for Texas Youth (SVRC) has designed and released a Council Operations Manual as a resource to the hundreds of community leaders that have joined the SVRC network of affiliated councils dedicated to partnering with the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) in rehabilitating youthful offenders. This manual will be continuously updated on a semi-annual basis as new or revised chapters are distributed at SVRC meetings. We recognize that each affiliated Council will have a unique mission, strategic goals, and a distinct style of operation; however, this manual will attempt to provide information, guidance, and suggestions for issues nonprofit organizations share in common.

Throughout this manual you will find four opportunities to expand your skill and knowledge base. You are invited to test your knowledge at the end of each chapter. Don't worry – you won't be given a grade for your answers. The self-evaluation icon will challenge you to take a closer look at your role in the affiliated network, and specifically your function within your local community resource council. Policies reviewed will include those of the Texas Youth Commission, the State Volunteer Resource Council, and requirements of the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act, Internal Revenue Service, Texas Secretary of State, and Texas Comptroller's Office. Feel free to add personal notes in the margins of your manual. There are sections provided where you are encouraged to add your local council's documentation, such as meeting minutes, agendas, and treasury reports. This publication is intended to be a personal resource to you during your tenure as a Council Member.

The production of this Operations Manual is a result of the SVRC strategic plan in 2002, in which the membership expressed a desire to develop a resource handbook to aid local councils in reaching their fullest potential. It is the SVRC's belief that council members need information, orientation, and training in order to be successful in their work. Contributions to this manual are encouraged and should be submitted in writing to the Texas Youth Commission, ATTN: Volunteer Services Program, PO Box 4260, Austin, TX 78765, or by electronic mail to tammy.vega@tyc.state.tx.us.

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